

EXECUTIVE OFFICE.

AUSTIN, FEBRUARY 1st, 1856. }

*Gentlemen of the Senate,**and House of Representatives:*

I return herewith to the Senate, in which it originated, an Act to create the county of Cibolo.

I am informed by the Commissioner of the General Land Office, who has examined this act, that the boundaries of the proposed county of Cibolo, include only about six hundred and twenty-seven square miles.

The 34th Section of the 7th Article of our State Constitution, declares explicitly that no new county shall be laid off of less dimensions, than nine hundred square miles.

This is a wise provision and was intended without doubt, to prevent the creation of small counties, without sufficient population and resources to insure the proper execution of the criminal laws of the State, within their limits.

Having evidence before me, which is conclusive to my mind, that the proposed county contains an area, less by two hundred and seventy-three square miles, than what the constitution requires for the formation of a county, I cannot give my assent to this act.

E. M. PEASE.

Mr Potter moved that the bill be passed, the objections of the Governor notwithstanding.

On motion of Mr Palmer, a call of the Senate was ordered.

On motion of Mr Caldwell, the call of the House was suspended.

The question then recurred on the passage of the bill to create the county of Cibolo, notwithstanding the objection of the Governor. The Senate refused to pass the bill by the following vote:

YEAS.—Messrs. Burroughs, Caldwell, Doane, Flanagan, McCulloch, Maverick, Millican, Potter, Scott, Superviele, Weatherford, and White,—12.

NAYS.—Messrs. Bryan, Grimes, Guinn, McDade, Martin, Palmer, Pirkey, Russell, Taylor of Houston, Truit, and Whitaker,—11.